



## **NSA-Central Florida Speaker's Academy Application Class of 2008-2009**

Taking steps towards moving your speaking career to the next level can be overwhelming, intimidating and yes, exciting! For many the first step is the most challenging part of the journey...the decision to commit.

### **So congratulations to you on the decision you've made to invest in your future!**

To help me prepare for your year, I would like to ask you for some information. This will provide me with some basic data about who you are, where you are coming from, how to reach you, etc. At the same time, it will help to focus our partnership in learning for the next 10 months. If you can begin to think about what you would like to accomplish, I will be prepared to support you towards reaching those goals.

Once you have given these questions some thought, write in your answers and send them electronically to:

- [HSMITH1891@cfl.rr.com](mailto:HSMITH1891@cfl.rr.com)

Or

- Fax (813) 969-0489

Once I have received and reviewed your application, I will reach out to you by phone to confirm your entry into the Academy.

Academy tuition is \$1,095 (this tuition may be split into two monthly payments, if you desire); this cost is reduced to \$895 if you are a Professional Member of our Chapter. If you have any further questions about the tuition fee, membership fees, etc., please feel free to reach out to either myself or Nancy Montgomery, our NSA-CF Administrator.

- Nancy Montgomery, Chapter Administrator for NSA Central Florida  
PH: 813-969-0489  
FAX:813-969-0489  
EM: administrator@nsacentralflorida.com

**Again, congratulations! I look forward to our next conversation**



**Hardy Smith**  
**2008-2009 NSA-Central Florida Speaker's Academy Dean**  
**(386) 451-0652**

*Thank you for writing your responses in the spaces provided. Feel free to expand the box if needed to fit your answer.*

<b>Your Name:</b>	
<b>Street Address:</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	
<b>Your Company Name (if any):</b>	
<b>Phone Information</b>	
<input type="radio"/> <b>Cell</b>	
<input type="radio"/> <b>Work</b>	
<input type="radio"/> <b>Home</b>	
<input type="radio"/> <b>Fax</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Website Address:</b>	

<b>1. 1. Current Occupation:</b>
<b>2. 2. Are you a member of NSA? Y/N</b>
<b>3. If yes, how many years have you been a member?</b>
<b>4. If no, do you want to become a member of NSA (National)? Y/N</b>
<b>5. Are you speaking professionally now? Y/N</b>
<b>6. If yes, how frequently do you speak?</b>
<b>7. If yes, how frequently are you being paid to speak?</b>
<b>8. What type of speaking do you do?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Keynotes <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Training <input type="checkbox"/> Coaching <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting
<b>9. What topics do you speak on or what topics do you want to speak on?</b>
<b>10. Where do you have experience speaking (Toastmasters, corporations, associations, Rotary clubs, Internal to job, conferences, etc.)?</b>

**11. Have you ever had a mentor or coach before? If yes, what did you like about working with that person? Dislikes?**

**12. Do you have talents, strengths or skills you would like to share with me/others in the Academy?**

**13. Any other information you would like me to know about?**

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For the remainder of this application, please respond to the following questions. Provide candid answers that accurately reflect your thinking. Brief, concise answers are best. There are no correct answers. You can choose to write/type your answers, 1 page per topic.

### **Topic 1 – Professional Speaker**

- ☞ Why do you want to be a professional speaker? What is it about professional speaking that motivates you?

### **Topic 2 – Service**

- ☞ To what extent is speaking a calling for you? What does it do for you, the people you speak to, your community, etc.? What value does it bring into your life and the life of those listening to you?

### **Topic 3 – Career Goals**

- ☞ What are your career goals, including, but not limited to speaking?

### **Topic 4 – Present Career**

- ☞ Describe your career at present. What do you do? Who do you do it for? How do you go about doing it? What has happened in the last year leading up to now? What do you see happening in the relatively near future?